

University Athletics Academic Advisory Committee

January 9, 2012

Present: Brett Bennett, Tasha Fisher, Anthony Walker, Bob Cage, Wilson Campbell, Sam Bruscato, Anthony Malta, Mary Adams

Absent: Barbara Michaelides, Nate Brown, Roxanne Cassel, Ulas Ograk, Bobby Staub

The meeting opened at 4 pm. As there was no old business, we turned to reports:

AD Report:

Staub was unavailable.

Senior Compliance Administrator Report:

Fisher is currently completing secondary violation reports. She explained that the NCAA expects approximately 25 such violations per university per year. ULM typically sees 10-15 secondary violations per year. Fisher is also certifying spring sports, in the order of their activities.

Upcoming events include the Signing Day Luncheon for Football on Wednesday, February 1st. Fisher noted that track will sign athletes through the summer. The Maroon and Gold Society Banquet, which honors athletes with a 3.00 or better, will be held this spring.

Chair Report:

None.

FAR Report:

Bennett is delivering two University Week presentations on the Men's Basketball Improvement Plan. His goal is to inform the faculty and campus about efforts to address the issues. He plans to address the Faculty Senate this spring, as well. Other efforts, such as newspaper articles, will be made to inform the local community.

Bennett stated, "We have already seen marked improvements in the men's basketball fall grades."

We are required to submit similar plans for football, men's indoor track, and women's cross country. Those are currently being submitted.

Bennett attended the National FAR Conference in San Diego. He will begin attending Student Advisory Cmte meetings in order to stay informed on student issues.

Reports from Four Cmtes:

No reports at this time.

New Business:

The committee reviewed the Academic Evaluation Appeal process for those who were absent during the last fall meeting. All may refer to the Nov. 2, 2011 minutes for a review of the process. One appeal occurred during the holiday. It was handled by Bennett as other members were not readily available.

The committee will gain a new chair this spring. Bennett asked if anyone on the cmte would be interested in the position. Bennett will forward the names of interested parties to President Bruno. Bennett noted that we will be “a more effective group once a chair is named.”

Members were asked to forward any questions about the travel schedules to Bennett.

Cage wanted the committee to be aware of a concern among some fans. Several loyal fans have complained that we no longer have a banner for each basketball championship in Fant-Ewing; instead, the banners have been condensed. Cage has discussed the issue with Staub, who pointed out that individual banners are cost-prohibitive.

The group discussed spring meeting times and selected the first Tuesday of each month at 4 pm. We will continue to meet in the Chase Study Room in the SSC.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Adams
Secretary of UAAAC
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